

WASHINGTON “ Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the Fiscal Year 2000 budget has allocated \$650,000 for Pioneer Valley Paratransit and Alternative Fuel Vehicles.

Congressman Olver is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

“PVTA will use these funds to help meet the increased demands for its Dial-a-Ride program with the new vans.

The new vans will be equipped with lift services so that they are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Olver said, “Additionally, PVTA will explore the possibility of utilizing alternatives to diesel fuel for the new vans.

Almost seven years ago, PVTA tried to utilize CNG buses, but had trouble re-fueling because there were no stations in the area.

For more information on the paratransit and alternative fuel vehicles, please contact Michele Gaudin at 413-748-2222.

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